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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

Applicants: **David Zhang, et al.**

Group Art Unit: **1634**

Application No.: **09/978,261**

Examiner: **Frank Lu**

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For: **NUCLEIC ACID AMPLIFICATION METHODS**

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**PETITION FOR AN UNINTENTIONALLY DELAYED CLAIM**  
**UNDER 37 CFR § 1.78(a)(3)**

Sir:

Pursuant to 37 CFR § 1.78(a)(3) and MPEP § 201.11 subsection V, Applicants respectfully petition to claim benefit to prior filed applications under 35 U.S.C. § 120. By filing this Petition along with the required fee Applicants respectfully submit that the subject Application Serial Number 09/978,261 (the "'261 Application") is entitled to claim priority to the prior-filed applications identified in the Amendment to the Specification on page 2 of this paper. This Petition is supported by the Declaration of Amy Wilson (cited as "Wilson Dec."). Accordingly, Applicants respectfully request that this Petition be granted.

**Amendments to the Specification** begin on page 2 of this paper.

**Remarks** begin on page 3 of this paper.

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